

Early Childhood Policy and Budget Division
February 1, 2005
3:00 p.m. Room 112
Chair, Senator John C. Hottinger

Present:

Hottinger, Chair
Bob Kierlin
Gary Kubly
Sean Nienow
Sandy Pappas
Linda Scheid
Dan Sparks

Absent:

Betsy Wergin

Senator Hottinger called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Welcome and introduction to new staff members.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Eric Nauman, fiscal analyst, gave an overview of budget accounts.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Testimony about the Governor's budget proposals.

- Department of Education: Karen Carlson and Lisa DeRemee, Division of Program Finances
 - Early Childhood Screening. The change items in the governor's budget include lowering the age of screening to three years, variable rates for reimbursement and assign student identification numbers at screening.
 - School Readiness Programs. Changes from the governor's budget include refocusing the readiness program and including more accountability and oversight.
 - Lead Abatement. They budget proposal recommends moving the \$100,000 per year program to the Department of Health, which has other lead abatement programs.
- Dan Smith, Supervisor for Adult Career Education with the Department of Education
 - Community Education. Mr. Smith gave an overview of the Community Education program, which has no change items in the governor's proposal.
 - Adults with Disabilities Aid. Mr. Smith mentioned there are 66 of 77 districts offering levies to get more funds for this program.
 - Hearing impaired Adults. Mr. Smith gave an overview of this program.
 - School Age Care Revenue. There were no budgetary changes in this area, along with the aforementioned three areas.
- Barry Schaffer, Adult Basic Education Supervisor at the Department of Education
 - ABE narrative overview. ABE is for people sixteen and over, who are out of school and have no high school diploma. There is a change, which is a cap on the reimbursement per learner contact hour to come from the General Fund.
 - GED tests. Mr. Schaffer gave an overview of the GED. It is a for-profit organization, not a government run organization. There are no change items in the governor's budget.
 - Intensive English for Refugees. Mr. Schaffer gave an overview of this program.
- Federal Programs
 - Kathy Bruthen, Department of Education gave an overview of the Coordinated School Health program.
 - Nancy Reisenburg, Department of Education gave an overview of the Safe and Drug Free School program.

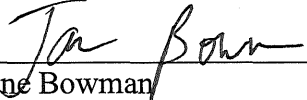
- Ray Frost, Minnesota Community Education Association
Mr. Frost commented on the governor's budget in relation to School Readiness. He said there was a disconnect between moving the screening age to four from three when we want to catch any potential problems at as young of an age as possible. He also made the point that School Readiness started at \$10 million ten years ago and has not received an increase since.
- Karen Carlson gave the closing statements.

Senator Hottinger adjourned the meeting at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted:



Senator John C. Hottinger
Division Chair



Jane Bowman
Division Secretary

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3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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Agenda

Governor's budget recommendations & program overviews for Early Childhood Education Programs

- Early Childhood Health and Development Screening Aid-*change*
- School Readiness-*change*
- Infants and Toddlers – Part C
- Community Education
- Adults with Disabilities Aid
- Hearing Impaired Adults
- School Age Care Aid
- Coordinated School Health
- Safe and Drug Free Schools
- Adult Basic Education-*change*
- GED Tests
- Lead Abatement
- Intensive English for Refugees-*change*

1. Department of Education staff

Other testimony

1. Ray Frost, Minnesota Community Education Association
2. Sherry Munyon, St. Paul Community Literacy Consortium